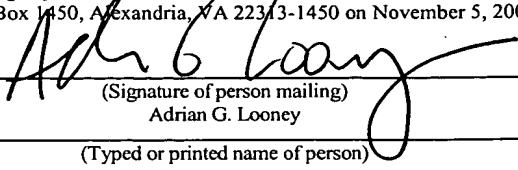




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**COMMUNICATION IN RESPONSE TO MAY 5, 2003**  
**NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

This Communication is submitted in response to the Office Action in the above-identified application that was mailed to applicants' attorney on May 5, 2003. A shortened statutory period for reply was set to expire on August 5, 2003, three-months from the Office Action mailing of May 5, 2003. Submitted with this Communication is a Petition for a Extension of Time requesting that the allowable period for responding to the May 5, 2003 Office Action be extended by three (3) months so that it does not expire until November 5, 2003. Therefore, this Communication is timely filed. Applicants respectfully request entry of this Communication and reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks.

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